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For: GENES FOR INCREASING GRAIN YIELD
AND USES THEREOF (as Amended)

Examiner: P. T. Bui

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 6, 2007. A request for the appropriate extension of time and fee are being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.